Posts reserved for SCs/STs lying vacant in the Ministry

2866. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved in the various categories for SCs/STs lying vacant in his Ministry during the last three years and till date;

(b) the action being taken by Government to fill them up; and

(c) by when the posts for SCs/ STs are likely to be filled in by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT. D. KHALAP): (a) The required information is as follows:

Year	SC	ST
1994	12	11
1995	5	5
1996	4	6

(b) This Department has reported the vacancies to UPSC/SSC/DPT for recruitment/ nomination of qualified candidates. The nominations are awaited. In so far as vacancies of Members, ITAT are concerned, the Selection Board could not find suitable candidates for filling up the reserved vacancies and the vacancies are being readvertised.

(c) The posts will be filled up as soon as the nominations/recommendations of the agencies mentioned in answer to part (b) of this question are received.

Treatment for the Disease systemic Lupus Erethematosis

2867. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the treatment available in Allopathy, Homoeophathy, Unani and Ayurvadic for the disease 'Systemic Lupus Erethematosis' clubbed with fever;

(b) the dispensaries and hospitals in the country where the treatment is available;

(c) whether the treatment is available abroad also; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) There is no known cure for Systemic Lupus Erethematosis in Allopathy and Ayurveda and only palliative treatment is available to reduce the pain and other manifestations of the disease. Homoeopathy and Unani System of medicine also treat the disease in accordance with their principles on the basis of symptoms and other relevant factors. Treatment is available in Central Govt. Hospitals and in Homoeopathic/Unani/ Ayurvedic Hospitals and Dispensaries.

Facilities at Tuberculosis centres in Gujarat

2868. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of District Tuberculosis Centres, Peripheral Health Institutions and TB Clinics presently functioning in various part of Gujarat with district-wise details;

(b) whether sufficient anti-TB drugs are available at these Centres to be made available free of cost to the TB patients;

(c) if not, what remedial measures are being taken by Government in this regard;

(d) how many districts in the State are having short course chemotherapy for treating TB patients with details; and

(e) whether Government propsoe to extend this in all the districts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) 19 District TB Centres, 971 peripheral Health institutions and 4 TB clinics are functioning in various Districts of Gujarat. District-wise details are not maintained at Central level.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) All the 19 Districts in the State are under short course chemotheraphy.

Regional Cancer Centres in the country

2869. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) the number of Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) which are functioning as on date and where these are located;

(b) the number of cases of cancer reported during 1995-96;

(c) what is the total amount sanctioned as grant-in-aid to Regional Cancer Centres during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(d) what is the total amount sanctioned as grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations during 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(e) what is the total amount allocated for National Cancer Control Programme during 1995-96 and 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) There are 12 Regional Cencer Centres located at Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Gwalior, Madras, Trivandrum, Cuttack, Calcutta, Delhi, Allahabad, Hyderabad, Bombay and Guwahati.

(b) It is estimated that about 7.0 lakh new patients develop cancer during the year.

(c) An amount of Rs. 9.93 crore was sanctioned to Regional Cancer Centres during 95-96 under National Cancer Control Programme. The provision for the year 1996-97 is Rs. 11.50 crores.

(d) Rs. 4.02 crores was sanctioned to voluntary organisations during 1995-96 and amount released during 1996-97 so far is Rs. 0.75 crores.

(e) Rs. 17.81 crores was released under National Cancer Control Programme during 1995-96. The Plan and Non-Plan allocation, for 1996-97 is Rs. 20.00 crores.

Guidelines for Speedy disposal for election petitions

2870. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:

Will the Minsiter of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have submitted report received from Law Commission regarding guidelines for speedy disposal of Election Petitions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the matter has been referred to the Chief Justice for consideration at the Conference of Chief Justices; and

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The Government have requested the Law Commission to make a comprehensive study of the question of pendency of a large number of Election Petitions for a considerably long time. No report on the subject has been submitted by the commission so far?

(c) No, Sir;

(d) Does not arise.

Frequent strikes in A.I.I.M.S.

2871. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doctors and staff of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (A.I.I.M.S.) are going on strike very frequently; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the implication of such strikes; and

(c) the steps taken to stop the frequent strikes of the doctors and the staff of A.I.I.M.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SERVANI): (a) to (c) Strikes have taken place at AIIMS due to various groups of employees,